

HOUSE BILL 2498

By Hurley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
relative to financial responsibility of certain drivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-105, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) Any operator charged with and convicted of a violation of § 55-10-401 or § 55-10-406 after an accident, including, but not limited to, any nonresident operator, shall be required to maintain proof of financial security as set by § 55-12-102(12) in order to comply with the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-120, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) Any nonresident operating a motor vehicle shall not be in compliance with this section, §55-12-105 or § 55-12-139 unless the nonresident has actual coverage in effect that meets the requirements of proof of financial security as set by § 55-12-102(12).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 12, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-12-141.

Subject to appropriations for implementation of this section, the commissioner of safety, in consultation as necessary with the commissioner of revenue, is directed to establish and have in effect by July 1, 2013, an online real time electronic verification system or a system with a telephone line staffed on a twenty-four hour basis that would permit a law enforcement officer at the scene of an accident to query and verify whether

owners or operators of vehicles involved in the incident are in compliance with § 55-12-105, § 55-12-120 or § 55-12-139.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 12, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-12-142.

An operator of a vehicle which leaves the scene of an accident in violation of § 55-10-101 so that compliance with this chapter can not be determined at the scene of the accident commits an offense. The offense shall be punished by fine only of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.